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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN REPATRIATES IN US

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1. UNHCR REP DAYAL IN NEW YORK PLANS VISIT PHILADELPHIA
FEB 2 TO DISCUSS WITH 114 CAMBODIAN REPATRIATES THERE PRO-
CEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR REPATRIATION TO CAMBODIA DESCRIBED
REF A. DAYAL SAYS HE HAS ALREADY QUERIED UNHCR GENEVA ABOUT
SEVERAL POINTS INVOLVED IN PROCEDURES SUCH AS WILL FRENCH
ALLOW REPATRIATES IN FROM US, WHAT SORT OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS
FRENCH WOULD REQUIRE, AND WHAT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WOULD BE
ACCEPTABLE TO GRUNK FOR TRAVEL ONWARD FROM FRANCE.

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2. IF REPATRIATES WRITE GRUNK MISSION AND ARE ACCEPTED, QUESTION ARISES OF HOW THEY WILL PAY THEIR WAY TO PARIS AND ONWARD FROM THERE SINCE CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES DO NOT WISH THEM TO OBTAIN OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. DAYAL PLANS TO QUESTION PHILADELPHIA REPATRIATES AS TO WHETHER THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR TRAVEL, OR WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK, WHICH THEY HAVE NOT BEEN WILLING TO DO SO FAR, TO OBTAIN SUCH FUNDS.

3. PHILADELPHIA GROUP JAN 26 HELD PRESS CONFERENCE ANTICIPATED REF B, WHICH WAS REPORTED BY PHILADELPHIA PAPERS AND UPI. INQUIRER QUOTED GROUP SPOKESMAN AS SAYING USG DID NOT WANT REPATRIATES TO RETURN AND WAS URGING THEM TO STAY UNTIL COUNTERATTACK COULD BE MOUNTED AGAINST CAMBODIA. INQUIRER ALSO QUOTED SPOKESMAN AS SAYING US HAD BROKEN PROMISE TO NEGOTIATE FOR REPATRIATION WITH CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES. BOTH INQUIRER AND UPI ALSO QUOTED UNHCR DEPUTY REP PERKINS IN NEW YORK SAYING THAT NEITHER USG NOR UNHCR OPPOSED REPATRIATION BUT CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES, WHILE ACCEPTING IT IN PRINCIPLE, HAD NOT GIVEN GO AHEAD.

4. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, USG HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS URGED UNHCR TO DO HIS UTMOST TO FACILITATE REPATRIATION OF CAMBODIANS, AND UNHCR HAS AGREED TO DO SO. WHILE GRUNK MISSION PARIS HAS TURNED DOWN UNHCR OFFER OF ASSISTANCE, WAY MAY NOW BE OPEN FOR REPATRIATES TO RETURN ON THEIR OWN. WHILE WAITING TO SEE WHETHER THIS ROUTE IS AVAILABLE, USG CONTINUES TO SUPPORT CAMBODIANS IN PHILADELPHIA. KISSINGER

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